

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MARCH 1, 2016

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT NOBLE WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT
ALDERMAN ECKERT
ALDERMAN KOOP
ALDERMAN WILL
ALDERMAN DAWSON
ALDERMAN CAREY
ALDERMAN DAVIS
ALDERMAN MILLS
ALDERMAN SCHABOT
ALDERMAN BROWN

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND TO APPROVE SAME AS PREPARED AND FILED BY THE CITY OFFERED BY ALDERMAN DAVIS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE GENERAL BILLS OFFERED BY ALDERMAN KOOP SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CAREY CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

1. STEVE NOBLE, MAYOR, WANTS TO GIVE AN EARLY THANK YOU TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE CHRIS REA SETTLEMENT AND SUPPORT. THE AGREEMENT REPRESENTS THE TAXPAYERS FAIRLY AND THAT MR. REA’S START DATE IS MARCH 7TH, AND THAT THE MAYOR IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM. IN REGARDS TO THE SALES TAX HE WANTS TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR PASSING THE MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION TO KEEP THE CURRENT SALES TAX AGREEMENT AS IS. THIS RESONATED WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY TAXPAYERS. HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. HEIN STATING THAT HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE CITY ON THE SALES TAX AGREEMENT AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE OUR CURRENT AGREEMENT SHORT TERM 5 YEARS, LONG TERM 10 YEARS. A MEETING IS TO BE HELD WITH 30 DAYS.
2. JEAN JACOBS, 139 WALL ST. A LIFELONG RESIDENT SPEAKING IN REGARDS TO ANIMAL CONTROL IN THE CITY SHE IS 1 OF 1,000’S OF ANIMAL ADVOCATES, THERE HAS BEEN NO CAT ADVISORY COUNCIL IN 4 YEARS, ASKS THE COUNCIL TO BE AWARE OF COOPERATION WITH THE SPCA TO SAVE LIVES SPAYING AND NEUTERING IS FREE THERE BECAUSE OF A GRANT SECURED BY MR. HEIN AND THERE IS NOW AN ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY. WITH A TASK FORCE HE COULD ACCOMPLISH THIS.
3. ROB WALTERS, SPOKE OF NO EVACUATION PLAN IN PLACE FOR AN INDIAN POINT FAILURE. 4, 000 DEATHS ANNUALLY WHEN THE PLANT IS WORKING PROPERLY. HE WILL SPEAK TO THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE NEXT WEEK.
4. ELLEN DIFALCO, 66 GLEN ST. REMINDING THE COUNCIL THAT THEY ARE THE WATCHDOGS OF THE CITY’S FINANCES, URGES THEM NOT TO PASS RESOLUTIONS 59, 60 AND 62. WITH NO SALES TAX AGREEMENT IN PLACE WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY HOW WILL WE PAY OUR BILLS?
5. JOE DIFALCO, 66 GLEN ST. THE COUNCIL MUST REMEMBER THEIR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE CHRIS REA ISSUE AS THERE IS A CIVIL LAWSUIT INVOLVED. IN REGARDS TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE AWARE OF ALDERMAN WILL’S ETHICS CHALLENGE. THE CITY HAS BEEN HELD HOSTAGE BEFORE BY CAHILL WITH THE SALES TAX AGREEMENT. MR. DIFALCO WILL BE PRESENT, NOT GOING AWAY.

CLAIMS:

#16-06 PROPERTY DAMAGE

COMMUNICATIONS:

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| 1. MAYOR NOBLE | RE: APPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL | COPY |
| 2. S. CAHILL, PLANNER | RE: HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION | FIN |
| 3. J. TUEY, COMPTROLLER | RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST | FIN |
| 4. M. SCHUPP, DPW | RE: REQUEST FOR PART TIME POSITIONS | FIN |
| 5. ALDERMAN MILLS | RE: SHOOTING RANGE | PS |
| 6. MAYOR NOBLE | RE: INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES | L&R |
| 7. K. BRYANT, CORP. COUNSEL | RE: SETTLEMENT OF REA LAWSUIT | FIN |
| 8. J. DECICCO, CIVIL SERVICE | RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUESTS | FIN |
| 9. ALDERMAN MILLS | RE: CITY OF KINGSTON HEALTH INSURANCE BUYOUT | FIN |
| 10. ALDERMAN DAVIS | RE: HANDICAP PARKING AT 47 WILTWYCK AVE. | PS |
| 11. ALDERMAN WILL | RE: REMOVE HANDICAP SIGN AT 33 JANET ST. | PS |
| 12. ALDERMAN CAREY | RE: LED LIGHTING | FIN |
| 13. D. BAKER, ASSESSOR | RE: VACANT BUILDING LEGISLATION/CODE | L&R |
| 14. C. WINNIE, CITY CLERK | RE: INSURANCE CONSULTATION | FIN |
| 15. C. WINNIE, CITY CLERK | RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST | FIN |
| 16. CHIEF BROWN, FIRE CHIEF | RE: CONTRACT AGREEMENT | PS |
| 17. D. BAKER, ASSESSOR | RE: RPTL 523-BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (VACANCIES) | PS |

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE SECOND READING OF THE GENERAL BILLS AND PAY SAME OFFERED BY ALDERMAN MILLS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #43 OF 2016 AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #44 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BRINNIER & LARIOS P.C. FOR A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY AND BASE MAP OF THE FORSYTH TENNIS COURTS AND RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #45 OF 2016 AMENDING THE APPROVED LIS OF VEHICLES INCLUDED IN THE 2016 CAPITAL PLAN. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #46 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2016 ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN MOTION MADE TO REFER RESOLUTION BACK TO COMMITTEE BY ALDERMAN WILL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN KOOP CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #47 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2016 PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #48 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #49 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #50 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #51 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 SEWER FUND BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #52 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 SEWER FUND BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #53 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 SEWER FUND BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #54 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 CIVIL SERVICE BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS SCHABOT MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

LAWS & RULES/CABLE COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #55 OF 2016 SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE SAFE STAFFING FOR QUALITY CARE ACT SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN WILL, CAREY, ECKERT, BROWN, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #56 OF 2016 ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS AMENDED SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN WILL, ECKERT, CAREY, MILLS BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #57 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 39 VANBUREN STREET, TAX MAP NO. 56.93-2-20 AND RECOMMENDING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #58 OF 2016 SUPPORTING THE GREENWAY COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #59 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CHRISTOPHER REA LAWSUIT AND ADOPTING A BOND ORDINANCE IN THE SUM OF \$105,000.00 TO SETTLE THE CHRISTOPHER REA LAWSUIT SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE

RESOLUTION #60 OF 2016 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A SETTLED CLAIM BY THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COSTS OF \$105,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$105,000 BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #61 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUDSON RIVER CRUISES AND EVENTS, INC. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT MILLS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #62 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2016 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS SCHABOT BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

MOTION TO ADJOURN OFFERED BY ALDERMEN WILL SECONDED BY ALDERMEN DAVIS CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 9-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CARLY WINNIE, CITY CLERK